

Thanks Be Unto God

- ... for His Son—even Jesus Christ, who is the center of the educational program at Bryan University.
- ... for the largest enrollment of students in the history of Bryan.
- ... for a corps of consecrated and talented instructors and staff members.
- ... for you who by prayer and gift enable us to keep the "fires burning" on Bryan Hill.

Rathbun Heads Student Council for 1952-53; Freshmen Elect Frank Bentz Class President

Election time has rolled around again for students at Bryan University, as well as for the nation. The elections recently held on Bryan Hill, however, seemed quite removed from the zeal and political fervor of national campaigns.

A time of prayer, in which the Lord's will was sought, preceded the election of officers of the Bryan

Student Council. The representatives elected were as follows:

Seniors—David Wisthoff, Neenah, Wisconsin; Mary Grover, Willoughby, Ohio;

Juniors — John Rathbun, Glen Ellyn, Illinois; Nadine Schick, Wichita, Kansas;

Sophomores—Joanne Simon, Chicago, Illinois; Richard Cornelius, Jacksonville, Florida;

Representatives at large — Rose Marie Martin, Troy, Ohio; Dean Koontz, Crown Point, Indiana.

From this group the student body elected John Rathbun president, Richard Cornelius vice-president, and Mary Grover secretary. Council members from the freshman class will be elected at the conclusion of the first quarter.

A constitution was ratified by the student body at the general elections for the Student Council.

Another scene of balloting was the first meeting of the freshman class as the new students elected their class officers for the year. Frank Bentz of Ionia, Michigan, was elected to head the class.

Assisting the president are Lyle Hillegas of Neenah, Wisconsin, vice-president; Adrienne Kerr of Hammond, Indiana, secretary; and James Reese of Williamston, Michigan, treasurer. The class also chose Everett Boyce of Chattanooga, Tennessee, as chaplain for the year. John Dougherty, assistant professor of Spanish, is serving as class sponsor.

Friends Tour Bryan At Open House; Attend Evening Vesper Service

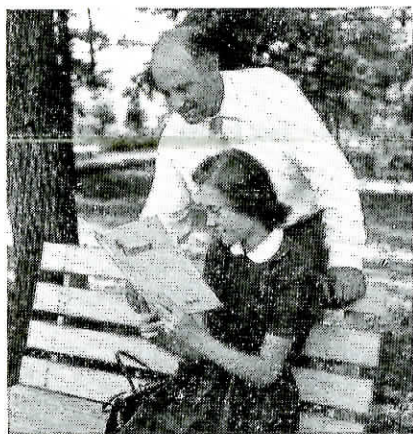
(To give the public an opportunity to see what has been accomplished at Bryan and how it is progressing, the university held open house Sunday afternoon, October 19. Over a thousand invitations for the occasion which included an early evening vesper service, were sent to friends of the local vicinity and in the Chattanooga area.

Against a background of music from the tower chimes system, the Student Council conducted guided tours through the buildings and dormitories. Displays of academic interest were featured by each of the departments, and student clubs and Christian service organizations prepared exhibits depicting activities in their particular field of interest.

At the conclusion of the tours refreshments were served in the university dining room. Climaxing the afternoon, the vesper program was presented in the Memorial Chapel by the sophomore class. "From

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FIRST SECOND GENERATION STUDENT ENROLLS AT BRYAN



Barbara Smith and her father, Wayne Smith, a graduate of 1941, take a look at Bryan as the **Commoner** pictured it 11 years ago. Barbara, the first second generation student Bryan has ever had, is a freshman this year. The Smiths live in Phoenix, Arizona.

CHOIR SELECTS OFFICERS; PLANS CONCERTS, TOUR

The Bryan 33 voice a cappella choir, directed by Gerald Woughler, assistant professor of music, elected their officers for this year soon after the members were selected from the early fall tryouts. Officers are: president, Charles Thornton; vice-president, Virginia Seguire; manager, Howard Park; secretary-librarian, Joanne Simon; and wardrobe attendant, Stuart Meissner. A student accompanist will be selected at a later date.

The choir is now preparing a program which will include an all male choir number and two special arrangements by David Heydenburk, instructor in piano and organ. The program will be presented as Sunday evening concerts in Dayton and surrounding areas, as well as on a spring tour. Last year the choir gave two concerts in Dayton during the Christmas and Easter seasons.

From My Heart to You

The giving of thanks to God is an injunction to God's people found over and over in scripture. I know of no passage of scripture which enjoins us to praise God simply because we "feel" thankful. We should give God thanks for all of his benefits whether we feel like it or not.



On the other hand, the scripture writers strive to produce a "feeling" of thanksgiving. In the Psalms and elsewhere, including the New Testament, are recited many of the things for which we should be thankful. In addition, our attention is called to the fact that the hard, bitter things of life are but blessings in disguise to the child of God. "In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." We are to give thanks simply because this is the will of God for those who are new creatures in Christ Jesus. We accepted the Lord Jesus by faith, and we are to manifest that faith by accepting all things in Christ, with thanksgiving.

These are times when it seems beyond us to "feel" thankful. The trials of life are too much for us. We are not responsive to a recital of God's abundant blessings. Because of physical fatigue and emotional exhaustion, it seems beyond us to "feel" thankful. Are we to praise God at such times? I am sure that we are.

The Pilgrim Fathers who gathered for thanksgiving on the bleak New England coast were not only thankful, but they knew that it was God's will for them to express their thanksgiving. The youth of today, most of whom are surfeited with material blessings and associate thanksgiving with a big football game, need to learn this lesson from our forefathers. Only as they learn this lesson can God continue to bless and increase the capacity for thanksgiving.

Judson Rudd
President.



BRYAN UNIVERSITY

Seniors Try Unsuccessful Sneak off Bryan Hill As Juniors Wave Good-by, Collect Reward

"Do you hear anything? Shhh! Is that a car leaving? I'm sure it'll be tonight; why I heard someone say . . ."

For three weeks junior class members spent wakeful hours in the middle of the night creeping around — waiting and watching for the seniors to sneak. Although they out-

numbered the seniors two to one, they were determined not to allow the twenty-nine seniors to slip off Bryan Hill unobserved. As the seniors put it:

"Everywhere we go they're leering;
Everywhere we look they're peering.

Every time we speak they're hearing;
Every time we flee they're nearing."

Finally, during the excitement of the October 4 cross-country meet, the class tried to make an inconspicuous departure . . . but the watchful juniors were wide awake and caught the seniors red-handed. One of them even waved good-bye to Fred Donehoo as he scooted down the back of Bryan Hill.

The group of seven cars finally escaped Dayton and headed toward North Carolina and Nantahala Inn. While there, the group of 38 visited Clingman's Dome, Fontana Dam, and the Cherokee Indian Reservation.

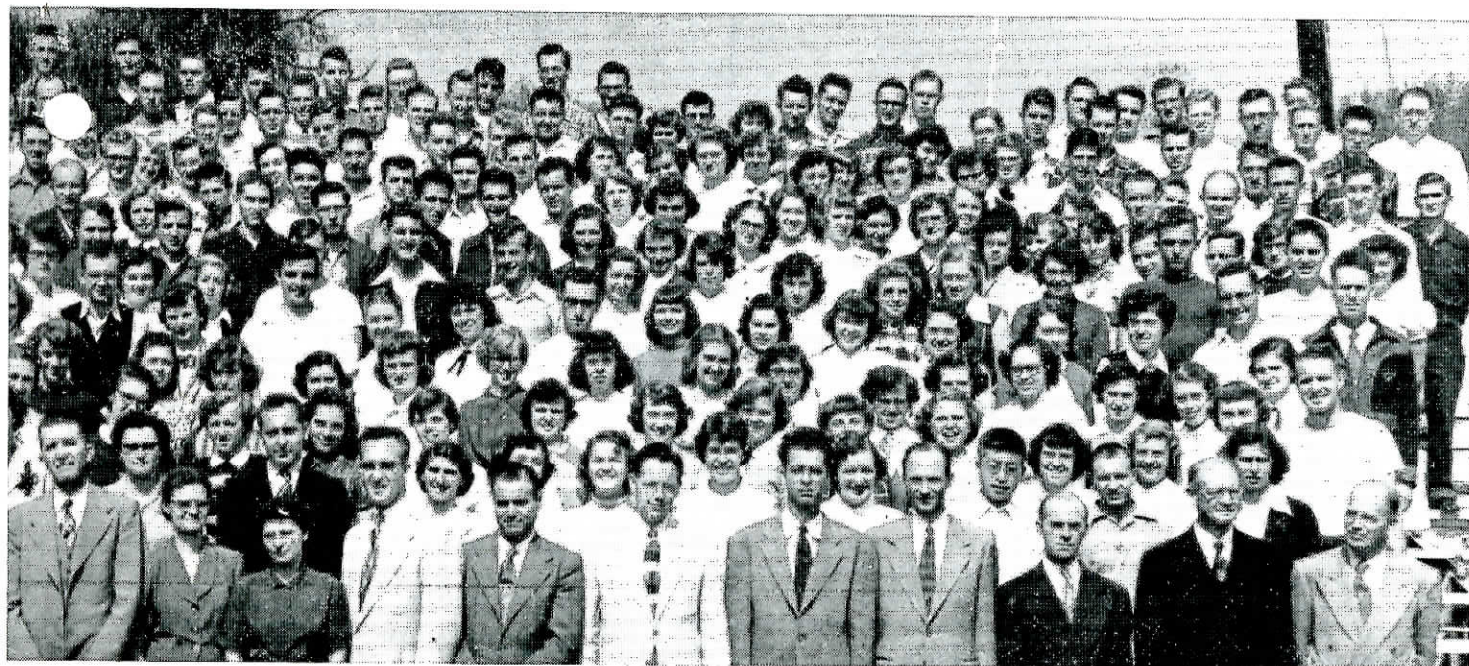
But, while the seniors enjoyed this three-day retreat in the Great Smoky Mountains, the juniors claimed their reward by "stacking" their fellow schoolmates' rooms and preparing a "welcome back" sign which barricaded the road.

SOPHOMORES GIVE ORDERS TO FRESHMEN INITIATES

" . . . Eight, nine, ten! Aren't they wonderful! One, two, three . . ." With a bow and a scrape, 112 freshmen painstakingly followed strict orders from "the wonderful sophomores" in a patient and sometimes hilarious—for the bystanders—endurance of their three-day initiation program September 25 to 27.

Opening day began at 6:00 sharp with an early morning hike that took most of the "freshies" off-guard. Outlandish costumes and irregular penalties marked that day and those following.

Grand finale of the initiation was a program Saturday evening managed by the sophomores. To show their appreciation to the sophomores, after the initiation officially closed, the freshmen honored David Lunney, initiation chairman, by throwing him into the fish pond.



STUDENT BODY, FACULTY, AND STAFF FOR 1952-53

NORTON, CHIPCHASE, BYES FALL CHAPEL SPEAKERS

The Rev. Charles Norton, director of the Baptist Training Union for the Tennessee Valley Association in the Southern Baptist Convention, spoke to Bryan students at the chapel program October 7. Mr. Norton was guest speaker in a series of revival services at the First Baptist Church in Dayton October 5 to 12.

October 9, the Rev. H. H. Chipchase, Bible expositor of Grand Rapids, Michigan, brought the chapel message. Services during the week of October 14 included speakers from the Baptist missionary convention held that week in the Dayton Baptist Church.

Known as the "country preacher," the Rev. Paul Byes of Charleston, West Virginia, will speak in chapel November 8. Mr. Byes is a traveling evangelist.

OPEN HOUSE

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Bryan to All the World" was the theme of the service, which summarized the activities of Bryan graduates and former students in the United States and abroad. Interspersed in the program were musical numbers by Bryan students.

David Lunney of Port Huron, Michigan, was the vesper chairman. He was assisted by Sandra Cue of West Chicago, Illinois; Alva Conner of Roanoke, Virginia; and Melba Mays of Orlando, Florida.

Scientists Explore Cave; To Take Other Trips; Language, Art Clubs Plan Full Program for Year

To maintain interest in the realm of science and to correlate Christianity and science are combined goals of the Science Club. To attain these goals a year's program has been planned by the club officers and their sponsor, Ted Payne, instructor in mathematics.

The officers are James Kirtley of Union Star, Missouri, president; William Hawk of Curwensville, Pennsylvania, vice-president; and Betty Joy Rankin of Port Huron, Michigan, secretary.

Plans for the year include cave expeditions, lectures by students and special guests, and a visit by the club to Chattanooga for the Eastern Tennessee Academy of Science.

The club explored Saltpeter Cave near Grassy Cove, Tennessee, October 6. This cave has been famous from the time of the Civil War for obtaining saltpeter for the manufacture of ammunition.

Study of the Spanish Bible and the teaching of choruses in Spanish is the order of the Spanish Club for the current school year. The club, membership in which is open to anyone interested in Spanish, will feature special programs being planned to make the language more alive and real in the lives of students.

One of the first activities of the

French Club this year was to present an exhibit at open house, October 19.

Continuing from that point of interest, the club is striving to promote interest in the culture and language of the French people. Members will also be learning scripture verses, hymns, and prayers in French.

The officers for this year are Fayth Ann Conner of Roanoke, Virginia, president; John Edleston of Bloomsburg, New Jersey, vice-president; and Dorothy Bean of Phoenix, Arizona, secretary.

To cultivate the appreciation of art among the students at Bryan is the chief aim of the Art Club.

Members of the club are studying chalk drawings, flannelgraph work, flower arrangements, carving, and color sketching this year. The club is scheduled to decorate for the various banquets and other festivities.

To supplement the program studies planned for the year, club members will be viewing films to aid in their artistic endeavor.

June Zehrung of Mishawaka, Indiana, is president; Martha Wiggans of Glendale, Arizona, vice-president; and Leona Bair of Altoona, Pennsylvania, secretary-treasurer of the club.



Pictured are the brothers and sisters at Bryan. They are: Row 1—Joanne and Betty Joy Rankin, John and Robert Rhoades, and Irma and Nina Myers; Row 2—Martha, Charles and Elsie Thornton, and Betty and Ted Smetters; Row 3—Howard and Frances Addleman, Mary and Martha Wiggans, Dorothy and George Bean, and Darwin and Francis Neddo; Row 4—Paul and Shirley Ardelean, Alva and Fayth Conner, and Mary Roselyn and Reita Hall; Row 5—John and Pearl Rathbun, Paul and Virginia Healan, Ryland and George Rock, and Archie and Richard Mason.

Student Body from 31 States, 4 Foreign Countries; Includes 16 Brother-Sister Sets, Wiggans Twins

Although the old saying goes, "like father—like son," it has been proved that at Bryan it is "like brother—like sister." Many of the students have been so enthusiastic about the school and the opportunities that it affords, both in academic and Christian training, that they have influenced their brother or sister in attending.

This year there are 16 different families with brothers and sisters enrolled. Mary and Martha Wiggans are identical twin sisters from Arizona. Martha is a sophomore and Mary a freshman. From Missouri there are three from the Thornton

family, Charles, a senior, and Elsie and Martha, both freshmen.

The entire student body represents thirty-one different states and four foreign countries including China, India, South America, and Africa.

The 3 states yielding the most students are Ohio with 39, Pennsylvania with 30, and Michigan with 28. Other states represented are Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, New York, North and South Carolina, Rhode Island, and Tennessee.

There are still 112 freshmen, even after their initiation, which was planned and directed by the sophomore class whose membership is 65. The initiation will be long remembered not only by the freshmen and sophomores who heartily took part, but also by the 59 juniors, 29 seniors, and 5 special students who played the part of spectators and on-lookers.

September Financial Report

Operating	\$ 944.04
Building	1,522.01
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Total September gifts	\$ 2,466.08
FISCAL YEAR TOTALS	
(June 1, 1952 to Sept. 30, 1952)	
Operating	\$11,604.10
Building	16,141.93
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Total gifts to Oct. 1	\$27,746.09

Maryville Upsets Bryan 21-38 In Fall Opener

In their first cross-country meet of the year held here October 4, the Bryan runners fell to a strong Maryville team which kept its score to a low 21 points compared to Bryan's 38 points.

Everett Boyce, Bryan freshman from Chattanooga, Tennessee, maintained the lead over the three and one-half mile course until almost the very last when Maryville's Homer Richadaugh overtook him and sprinted ahead to cross the finish line first. Dean Koontz, senior from Crown Point, Indiana, followed two other Maryville runners to take fifth in the meet.

CLASSES TIE STANDINGS IN INTRAMURAL SPORTS

In the spring a young man's fancy may turn to love but in the fall any man's fancy turns to football, the order of each Monday afternoon for the fellows of Bryan Hill.

By October 6 the class standings were tied up with all but the juniors claiming one victory apiece. Scores for the first three games of the season are as follows:

Seniors	13
Juniors	12
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Sophomores	18
Freshmen	12
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Freshmen	6
Sophomores	0

The girls are playing a series of games in a sport somewhat akin to football—speedball. The sophomores and juniors have each won one game—the freshmen having lost to both teams.

Girls living in the third floor dormitory will soon be hearing the ping-pong of table tennis balls. A set has been ordered, and as soon as it arrives it will be placed in a convenient location for the girls.

Christ Above All

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